

Appl. No.: 10/524,710

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Response to Office Action Mailed August 6, 2008

REMARKS:

Applicant appreciates the time and care the examiner has taken in examining the application. Applicant requests reconsideration of the final rejection of the claim, and states the following in support.

The amendment to the claim is supported in the original specification and no new matter is added. The added term *cutouts formed between each of the second projecting parts and the crown pressing portion to substantially form portions of the second projecting parts contacting with the crown of the staple perpendicularly to be in engagement with the crown* is supported at FIGS. 1-2, and spec. p. 6 line 23 to p. 7 line 4, among other places in the original specification:

Provided on a portion between the second projecting parts 8 and 8 is a crown pressing portion 9 as a third projecting part for pressing finally the crown 6, when the leg portions 4 and 4 of the staple 3 are bent along the copy papers, and cutouts C1 are formed between the second projecting parts 8, 8 and the crown pressing portion 9, respectively.

In the driver 1a shown in FIG. 2, a crown pressing portion 10 as the third projecting part projects slightly from edges 10A of the cutouts C1 so that the central portion of the crown 6 of the staple 3 can be sufficiently pressed.

It is submitted that none of the art of record discloses the configuration as claimed, including the cutouts C1. All prior arguments are incorporated herein by reference. In the original specification, it was explained that the conventional driver structure yields the problems of having the leg portions being moved inwardly during the stapling of a bundle of papers, and

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having the crown curve to project in an arch from the bundle of papers. Spec. p. 2, lines 1 to 18. The invention as claimed resolves these problems, by including the features of the first projecting parts 7, 7, the second projecting parts 8, 8, and the crown pressing portion 10 to hold the whole of the crown, with the cutouts C1 formed between the second projecting parts and the crown pressing portion. The invention as claimed thus prevents the problems associated with prior art configurations.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for prompt allowance and that all of the objections, rejections and requirements raised in the Office action have been met. Early, favorable treatment of this application is requested.

Extension Request and Deposit Account Charge Authorization. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including fees for any necessary extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for filing this communication, which extension is hereby requested, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305 of Chapman and Cutler LLP. The examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned with any questions or comments so that efforts may be made to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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